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SUBJECT: FORMAL JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING ON
NUCLEAR AND OTHER ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

REF: (A) SEOUL 4335; (B) TAIPEI 3005

1. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT MEETING TO
KOREANS AND WISHES TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF DOWNGRADING
OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE BY US. HOWEVER, AS
EMBASSY IS AWARE, EVENTS IN NON-PROLIFERATION AREA AND
NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY HAVE BEEN FAST-MOVING AND ARE CAUSE
FOR CHANGES IN TRAVEL PLANS. NOSENZO AND SIEVERING NOW
SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF BILATERALS AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS
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IN PARIS WEEK OF JUNE 6 AS FOLLOW-UP TO ECONOMIC SUMMIT
AND WEEK OF BILATERALS AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS IN LONDON
WEEK OF JUNE 23 ON FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION AND NUCLEAR SUP-
PLIER MATTERS. BILATERALS ALSO SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON
WITH JAPANESE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE THAT NEEDS THEIR PARTICI-
PATION. IN ADDITION, TESTIMONY RE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED
NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AND ENERGY PLANS IS OCCURRING

ON ALMOST DAILY BASIS BEFORE VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES. THE SUM OF THESE EVENTS, A NUMBER OF WHICH WERE NOT PREDICTABLE AT TIME KOREAN TRIP WAS SCHEDULED, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR EITHER TO MAKE TRIP AS SCHEDULED.

2. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN CONVEYING DEEP REGRETS CONCERNING NEED TO POSTPONE SUBJECT MEETING. YOU MAY NOTIFY ROK GOVERNMENT THAT NOSENZO AND SIEVERING WILL BE AVAILABLE WEEK OF JULY 18 AND WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE FORMAL MEETING OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THAT TIME. THEY WOULD HOPE TO COMBINE THIS WITH STOP IN CANBERRA FOLLOWING SUBJECT MEETING AND, THEREFORE, WOULD PREFER EARLY PART OF THAT WEEK IF AGREEABLE WITH KOREANS.

3. WHILE DEPARTMENT SEES SOME ADVANTAGE IN FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH PROPOSED INFORMAL VISIT OF ADAMS, HELFRICH AND LAFLEUR, EMBASSY MAY USE ITS DISCRETION RE GOING AHEAD WITH THIS PROPOSED VISIT BASED ON ITS ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER VISIT WOULD HELP TO ALLAY KOREAN CONCERNS AND SENSITIVITIES. VANCE

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